Since 1949 Leaksville has had an ordinance governing the handling and disposition of refuse. It is collected and disposed of in a city-owned dump that is located at the end of West Street near the Dan River. Due to its proximity to the river, some danger of water pollution from the dump exists. The ten acre dump, the second the city has used, was opened in 1946. If it is operated properly, it can be used for approximately five more years. The area is not operated as a sanitary landfill. There is little compaction of the waste matter and, although the top of the refuse is covered with dirt, a large area is always exposed. Pasteboard cartons, yard rubbish, and non-combustible junk are not buried. From time to time combustible refuse is burned at the dump.

Three garbage trucks and one open-bed truck suitable for trash are used by the Public Works Department to collect refuse in Leaksville. An Allis-Chalmers diesel front-end loader with a 1.3/4 cubic yard bucket is used to cover the refuse. The crews who operate this equipment, under the supervision of the Sanitation and Garbage Commissioner, consist of a bulldozer operator and two garbage truck drivers with two assistants for each truck.

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Refuse collection in Draper is a tax financed municipal service that is supervised by the Water and Sanitation Commissioner. The municipality owns a 1963 Pack-More special purpose garbage truck, and a 1959 Chevrolet open-bed truck that is used for brush collection. A municipally owned back-hoe and motor grader, when they are required, are used at the dump to cover the refuse. There are three employees on the sanitation payroll: one truck driver and two assistants who load the truck. When they are not engaged in refuse collection they work with other city departments.

Draper has an ordinance regulating the handling and disposal of refuse. In residential and commercial areas refuse must be stored in covered containers with handles. Refuse is picked up from the side of the street in residential areas once a week. The crew can cover the town's entire residential area in about two and one-half days. Collection service is provided daily in the central business district. Fieldcrest Mills, Inc., collects its own refuse in special trucks and takes it to the town dump.

The garbage, rubbish, and other wastes that are collected are disposed of in a modified landfill operated by the town. The landfill is located at the end of Sharpe Street extended, south of town. The wooded property owned by Fieldcrest Mills, Inc., is used by the municipality under an agreement which expires in 1967. The area currently being used is nearly full;